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Petition for Extension of Time

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 3, 1996 be extended three months to November 4, 1996. This extension is necessary to file a response. The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period.

The fees necessitated by the present filing may be charged to applicants' deposit account as authorized in the transmittal letter submitted herewith in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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